

What Pesticide License do I need?

Private Applicator

If you are using pesticides to raise a crop(s) on your own, or rented land, and those crop(s) are offered for sale, either on the farm, a farmers' market, or any other sales venue, you must obtain a Private Applicator Permit.

Permits are specific to a particular commodity (examples: apples, Christmas trees, raspberries, sod, etc). If more than one commodity is grown, you would obtain a permit for the commodity which you produce most.

Private Applicator Restricted Use

A Restricted Use Permit is needed when the materials that will be applied to the crops are Restricted Use pesticide products. These are pesticides that can only be purchased and used by persons who show a valid Restricted Use Permit. You must pass an exam* to obtain a Restricted Use Permit.

If you employ workers who will be involved in the production of these crops, you are subjected to the Federal Worker Protection Standards and must have a Restricted Use Permit and provide training to your workers.

See the fact sheet **Private Applicator Licensing for details on commodity categories and exam options.*

Private Applicator General Use

A General Use Permit is needed when the only materials that will be applied to the crops are General Use products (materials that are sold over the counter to any individual). No exam is needed. Annual use report required.

Note: If you employ workers who will be involved in the production of these crops, you are subjected to the Federal Worker Protection Standards and must have a Restricted Use Permit and provide training to your workers, regardless of whether General Use or Restricted Use products are applied.

Commercial Applicator (For Hire)

If you apply pesticides commercially on the property of another, you must obtain a Commercial Applicator License. This license is required regardless of type of material applied (over the counter, or restricted use) and whether or not the applicator is paid. You must pass exams to obtain a Commercial Applicator License.

Supervisory License

The person holding a Supervisory License supervises others who may be applying pesticides. At least one person within a business, firm, entity, or branch office must hold a Supervisory License. In addition, the firm, branch office, or entity must be registered with the NH Division of Pesticides Control.

Operational License

An operational license is obtained by applicators within a registered firm, branch office or entity where at least one individual holds a Supervisory License. NH law requires that at least one member of each crew applying pesticides commercially, has at least an Operational License.

See the fact sheet **Commercial Applicator Licensing (For Hire) for information on commodity categories, exams and additional educational requirements.*

Commercial Applicator (Not for Hire)

A Commercial Applicator (Not for Hire) License is needed for individuals applying pesticides to one specific location as part of their employment with a particular entity (examples: school custodian, golf course superintendent.)

The license categories of *Supervisory* and *Operational* are identical to those of Commercial Applicator (For Hire). Exam requirements and registration procedures are less than the Commercial Applicator (For Hire) License.

See the fact sheet **Commercial Applicator (Not for Hire) for specifics on commodity categories, exams and additional educational requirements.*

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